

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 2, 2006. In the present office action, Claims 16-20 are amended and Claims 11-15 are cancelled. No new matter is added. Claims 1-10 and 16-20 are currently pending.

**Allowed Claims**

Applicants note with appreciation that, in paragraph 7 of the present Office Action, Claims 1-10 are allowed. Rejected Claims 11-15 are now cancelled.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

In paragraph 6 of the present Office Action, Claims 16-20 are rejected for claiming a "computer program product" rather than a "computer readable medium." The present amendment reflects such a medium.

Claims 16-20 add no new subject matter, and contain all features claimed in allowed Claims 1-5. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the proposed amendment to Claims 16-20 (which use the language suggested by the Examiner) be entered, and that the rejection be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

Having complied with the suggestion of the Examiner regarding language used in Claims 16-20, and now entering no new subject matter beyond that which is allowed, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claims 1-10 and 16-20.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **HITACHI DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 50-2587**.

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